

EVELYN stops polishing.

EVELYN: Yet?

FAITH: For a while.

EVELYN: What does that mean?

FAITH: Until after I've finished college.

EVELYN: Are you absolutely sure about this?

FAITH: Yes. I definitely won't move out.

EVELYN: So, I don't need to sell the house.

FAITH: No.

EVELYN: I can phone the estate agent?

FAITH: Yes.

EVELYN: And say no?

FAITH: Yes.

EVELYN: You won't change your mind again?

FAITH: I don't understand why you have to sell the house if I leave.

EVELYN: Will you or will you not change your mind?

FAITH: No.

EVELYN: Song and dance finally over?

FAITH: Yes.

EVELYN puts back the glass and closes the box.

EVELYN: I expect you to keep to your word. *She picks up the chipped glass.*

FAITH: Why are you taking that?

EVELYN: A chipped glass is ruined forever.

EVELYN exits. FAITH retreats back into the attic.

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HELGA: Try to meet other Jews in England.

EVA: I will.

HELGA: They don't mind Jews there. It's like it was here when I was younger. It'll be good.

EVA: When you come, will Vati get his proper job back like he used to have?

HELGA: I'm sure he will.

EVA: *Finishes sewing, Finished.*

HELGA: Now let me check the case.

EVA: I packed what you said. It's very full.

HELGA picks up a case hidden among the boxes and opens and checks through it. EVA watches her. FAITH finds a trunk. She is tempted to look inside. She hesitates. She takes courage and tentatively opens it.

HELGA: *Pulling out a dress,* This suits you so well.

EVA: I'll only wear it for best. Promise.

HELGA: *Refolding the dress,* Someone will have to press out the creases when you get there.

FAITH: *Pulling out a toy train,* Runaway train?

EVA: Did I fold it wrongly?

HELGA: No. The case is far too small.

FAITH makes the sound of a train whistle as she pulls pieces of train track out of the box. She starts to lay them out on the floor.

FAITH: Runaway train went down the track
And she blew, she blew
Runaway train went down the track
And she blew, she blew
Runaway train went down the track
And blah de blah, she won't come back
And she blew, blew, blew, blew
Blew!

FAITH continues to lay the track. HELGA pulls a mouth organ out of the case.

HELGA: What's this doing in here?

EVA: That's my mouth organ.

HELGA: You're not allowed to take anything other than clothes.

EVA: But it was my last birthday present and I'm just beginning to get the tunes right.

HELGA: The border guards will send you back to us if they find you with this. Then where will you be?

EVA: I'm sorry.

HELGA gives the mouth organ to EVA and sets to reorganizing the case contents. FAITH looks into another box. She turns it upside down. A load of dolls falls onto the floor. None of them has any clothes on. FAITH picks up a doll.

FAITH: Lucy? She gently sits Lucy by the train set. She picks out another doll. Gloria. She gently sits Gloria next to Lucy and then does the same with each of the other dolls.

HELGA: There's no room for anything else. Where are your shoes?

EVA reaches over to right by FAITH's feet and gets a pair of shoes.

FAITH: Laying out another doll, Barbara. She continues to lay out the dolls.

EVA: Here.

HELGA: Put the heel of the right shoe to your ear.

EVA: Why?

HELGA: Do it.

EVA puts the heel to her ear.

HELGA: What can you hear?

EVA: It sounds like ...

HELGA: Yes?

EVA: Ticking.

HELGA: My gold watch is in there.

EVA: How?

HELGA: The cobbler did it.

EVA: I'll look after it for you.

HELGA: And in the other heel are two gold rings, a chain with the Star of David and a charm bracelet for you. All made of gold.

EVA: For me?

HELGA: From my jewelry box. A traveling gift.

EVA: Thank you.

HELGA: My grandfather used to wear a black hat and coat. "You are my children. You are my jewels," he told me. "We old ones invest our future in you."

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EVA hugs HELGA. LIL enters.

LIL: You two have the quietest arguments.

FAITH: Is she not pleased?